

HOUSE BILL 575

By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-119, relative to require annual training by police officers in the proper response to people with mental illness.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-119, is amended by deleting all of the current language in the section and substituting the following:

38-8-119. All police officers shall complete a two-hour mental health curriculum that provides training in proper procedures to respond to persons with mental illnesses. The two-hour mental health curriculum shall be included as part of the officer's required annual in-service training session.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.